

# SENATE WATCH

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# **BUDGETS**

## SB 265 (Johnson)

#### Transportation budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- PRUSI 1A was withdrawn.
- Johnson 1B was adopted [no RC]. This makes it clear that the Dept. can still provide planning for public transportation.
- PRUSI 1C was adopted [no RC]. This would allow the Dept. to engage in activities and form cooperative arrangements with local communities for alternative rail systems.
- SB 265 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- PRUSI 1 was defeated [RC 107: 16 yes, 22 no]. This would have removed language which prohibited public transit planning grants. Sen. Prusi: If we do not remove this language, Michigan could lose nearly \$1 billion in federal road funding.
- LELAND 2 was defeated [RC 108: 16 yes, 22 no]. This would have appropriated revenue from an increase in the diesel tax increase for bridge and road repairs. Michigan currently taxes diesel fuel less than non-diesel fuel. Additionally, 45 states have higher diesel taxes than Michigan.
- LELAND 3 was defeated [no RC]. This would have removed language prohibiting DARTA from receiving administrative money.
- SCOTT 4 was defeated [RC 109: 16 yes, 22 no]. This would have lifted the ceiling on funding which could go to mass transit for Detroit.
- PRUSI 5 was defeated [RC 110: 16 yes, 22 no]. This would have removed the language which transferred \$16 million from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund to the state's General Fund.
- SB 265 passed [RC 111: 24 yes, 14 no].
- Hammerstrom moved to reconsider passage of SB 265. Passage of SB 265 was reconsidered [no RC].

- Sikkema 6 was adopted [RC 112: 25 yes, 13 no]. This takes roughly \$1.4 million from the Departments of Management and Budget and Treasury and uses it for rural road projects.
- SB 265 passed [RC 113: 24 yes, 14 no].

#### SB 277 (Johnson)

# State Police budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 277 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- Clarke 1 was defeated [RC]. This would have restored \$2.5 million for the Highway Safety and Enforcement Fund.
- SB 277 passed [RC 106: 37 yes, 0 no].

#### SB 281 (Johnson)

#### Judiciary budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SWITALSKI 1A was adopted [no RC]. This requires the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to "take all reasonable steps to ensure that businesses in "deprived and dressed communities compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both, for the judicial branch."
- SB 281 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 281 passed [RC 105: 36 yes, 0 no].

#### SB 285 (Johnson)

## Career Development/MI Economic Development Corporation/Strategic Fund budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Stamas 1A was adopted [no RC]. This takes money from Project Focus: HOPE. Focus: HOPE is a non-profit program which provides volunteer help in southeastern Michigan.
- SB 285 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SCOTT 1 was defeated [no RC]. This would have deleted language which ends funding for Focus: HOPE after this year. This would continue funding for this beneficial program, which has received funding from the state for decades.
- CHERRY/SCHAUER 2 was defeated [RC]. This would have restored \$780,100 in funding for volunteer investment grants.

- SCHAUER 3 was withdrawn.
- PRUSI 4 was defeated [RC 103: 16 yes, 22 no]. This would have restored \$4 million for job creation services and economic development and job training. Democrats: Michigan's economy is hurting we need this funding to help provide jobs and get our economy back on track.
- SCOTT 5 was withdrawn.
- SCOTT 6 was withdrawn [RC]. This would have restored \$250,000 for Focus: HOPE.
- SCHAUER 7 was defeated [RC 100: 18 yes, 20 no]. This would have restored \$530,100 for volunteer investment grants.
- Sikkema 8 was adopted [RC 101: 22 yes, 16 no]. This amendment cuts funding for department administration and uses it for job creation services.
- Sikkema 8 was adopted [RC 102: 37 yes, 0 no]. This amendment cuts funding for department administration and uses it for Project Focus: HOPE.
- SB 285 passed [RC 104: 32 yes, 6 no].

# FINAL PASSAGE

### SB 289 (Birkholz)

SB 289 would require a person who owns an industrial, processing or irrigation facility that has the capacity to withdraw over 100,000 gallons of water per day average in any consecutive 30-day period to register with the DEQ. They would also be required to pay a water use reporting fee of \$100 (increased from \$50).

Support: MEC (with amendments), MML, Chamber, SEMCOG, MAC, MMA, Concrete Paving Assoc, MI Aggregates Assn, Lansing Board of Water and Light, MI Ground Water Assoc, MML, MI Golf Course Owners Assoc, MI Forest Products Council, MI Chemistry Council, Trout Unlimited, MUCC.

#### 5/7:

- *Committee 1 (S-4) was defeated [no RC].*
- *Birkholz 2 (H-5) was adopted [no RC].*
- SB 289 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

### 5/8:

- Brater 1 was defeated [RC 94:16 yes, 22 no (GOP)]. This would have required water users to demonstrate conservation methods when they report to the Dept.
- Brater 2 was defeated [RC 95:16 yes, 22 no (GOP)]. This would have required agricultural users to submit the same information as all other users. (using the Dept. of Agriculture instead of DEQ).
- Brater 3 was defeated [RC 96:15 yes, 22 no (GOP)]. Fee equity: All water users, including farmers, would have to pay the \$100 water use reporting fee.
- Brater 4 was withdrawn.

- Brater 5 was defeated [RC 97:15 yes, 22 no (GOP)]. A facility which has a 100,000 gallon per day permit and which seeks to expand (more than double its water withdrawals) must give notice to DEQ. If the Dept. reasonably expects the expansion to significantly impact the Great Lakes water basin, it may place restrictions on the water withdrawal, in order to protect the impacted natural resources.
- SB 289 passed with IE [RC 98:38 yes, 0 no].

# **RESOLUTIONS**

SR 52 (Hammerstrom) SCR 18 (Hammerstrom)

Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to include the services of licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists among services covered under Medicare.

- SR 52 was adopted [no RC].
- SCR 18 was adopted [no RC].